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EXPORTABLE SURPLUS OF AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND APPLES

Total shipments of apples from Australia and New Zealand will probably be more than double those of last year and will likely exceed the record exports of 1928, when aggregate shipments reached nearly 5,000,000 boxes, according to reports of the Empire Marketing Board. So far as competition with late shipments of American cold storage apples is concerned, it appears that the situation this spring will be similar to that in 1928. In that season Australia and New Zealand apples arrived in Europe earlier than usual in large quantities and left little room for American apples after the first of April.

The exports from New Zealand are expected to be around 1,200,000 boxes or over twice as large as either of the past two seasons. In Australia the greatest increase is expected to be from Tasmania which is estimated to have an exportable surplus of 2,500,000 boxes or over 1,500,000 greater than last year. A bumper crop is expected from Victoria indicating that around 800,000 boxes of apples will be exported as compared with negligible exports last year. The crop in South Australia is better than in either of the past two seasons and about 450,000 boxes should be available for export. The exports from New South Wales are expected to reach about 70,000 boxes. The only decrease recorded is in West Australia where a heavy crop was raised last year. It is estimated that the exports will be about 150,000 boxes or a decrease from last year of about 450,000 boxes.

In recent years shipments to the Continent from Australia and New Zealand have increased considerably. In 1928 the United Kingdom took about 80 per cent of these apples as compared to 65 per cent last year. This is accounted for to a considerable degree by the large crop last year in West Australia which State usually sends the greater part of its exports to the Continent. Due to the small crop this year in this State and the large crops in the remainder of the States, the proportion going to the United Kingdom should be larger than in 1929 but may not exceed 1928 as considerable quantities are known to be going to the Continent. The export season is expected to start the last of February consisting of 40,000 boxes divided into four shipments. These will consist mainly of fruit raised in Victoria.

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Shipments of pears from Australia and New Zealand, according to the Empire Marketing Board, will likely exceed the totals of 1928 and 1929, owing primarily to anticipations of a heavy export movement of about 150,000 boxes from Victoria. Shipments from Tasmania, Western Australia and New Zealand are expected to reach at least a similar volume. The total pear exports should reach 300,000 boxes, as compared with 160,000 last year and 230,000 in 1928. The bulk of the pears exported in past seasons have gone to the United Kingdom.

APPLES: Shipments from Australia and New Zealand to Europe, seasons 1928, 1929 and provisional estimate for 1930

Exported from	1928		1929		1930 <u>a/</u>
	United Kingdom	Total	United Kingdom	Total	Total
	boxes	boxes	boxes	boxes	boxes
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Victoria.....	548	798	2	2	800
New South Wales....	17	17	1	1	70
South Australia....	197	427	---	2	450
Western Australia..	5	129	170	604	150
Tasmania.....	2,372	2,689	524	868	2,500
Total Australia :	3,139	4,060	797	1,477	3,970
New Zealand.....	870	870	640	750	1,200
Total.....	4,009	4,930	1,437	2,227	5,170

Empire Marketing Board.

a/ Provisional estimate.